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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
Examining Group 1621  
Patent Application  
Docket No. GJE-7763  
Serial No. 10/565,762

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : Deborah D. Carr  
Art Unit : 1621  
Applicant(s) : Jean-Simon Duceppe *et al.*  
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For : Preparation of Metal Salts of Medium-Chain Fatty Acids

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 AND 1.98

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the cited documents are enclosed. However, the Applicants have not submitted copies of the U.S. Patents cited on attached Form PTO/SB/08 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii).

Please note that several of the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 are in a foreign language, however, English equivalents have been provided. The cited references in a foreign language are as follows:

- 1) CN 1052846 (F1) with English translation;
- 2) DE 2 127 175 (F4) corresponding to GB 1 335 257 (F10);
- 3) DE 2 159 347 (F5) corresponding to US 3,705,852 (U1);

- 4) DE 2 401 159 (F6) corresponding to GB 1 408 123 (F11);
- 5) DE 3 403 621 (F7) corresponding to GB 2 134 517 (F12);
- 6) EP 0 802 248 (F9) corresponding to US 5,759,252 (U3); and
- 7) RO 115885 (F13) with English translation.

There are also several references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 that are in a foreign language where no English equivalent is available. However, we have listed below concise statements of relevancy for each of these references.

1) DE 569 946 (F2) discloses industrial preparation of aluminum salts of carboxylic acids, by dissolving fatty acids in organic solvents (e.g. xylene) and reaction with aluminum alkoxides. Higher and lower fatty acids (e.g. stearic acid and propionic acid) are reacted in this way.

2) DE 1 494 998 (F3) discloses stabilizers for PVC and other halogen-containing plastics materials which contain heavy metal salts of branched carboxylic acids. Example 1 (page 6) describes the reaction of 2,2-dimethylheptanoic acid in hexyleneglycol and white spirit with lead (II) oxide to give the corresponding lead salt.

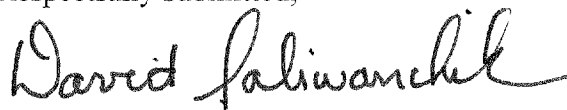
3) BRAUN (R1) discloses that metal soaps can be prepared by reacting a fatty acid dissolved in ethanol with sodium hydroxide solution to give the sodium salt. Following the addition of a metal salt solution, the desired metal soap precipitates out and is filtered off. Various laurates can be obtained in this manner.

4) FALBE (R3) defines various fatty acids, including those having 8-12C atoms as medium-chain fatty acids. Examples that are listed include caprylic, pelargonic, capric, undecanoic and lauric acids.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the attached Form PTO/SB/08 with initials or other appropriate marks. If any additional fee is required, or to credit any overpayment, please use Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

Applicants respectfully assert that the substantive provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 are met by the foregoing statement.

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References listed therein (18)